

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 117

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A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate Preston Rice of Wayne County High School upon receiving the 2016 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Award, Division I Class 1A Back.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those student-athletes who have displayed unmatched prowess on the fields of play; and

WHEREAS, Preston Rice, a member of the 2016 Wayne County High School football team, is one such individual who was recently awarded the 2016 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Award, Division I Class 1A Back; and

WHEREAS, a star quarterback for the Wildcats, Mr. Rice led Wayne County to its last seven playoff wins and now holds the state record for most combined career rushing/passing touchdowns with 141; and

WHEREAS, responsible for the team's last sixteen playoff wins, members of the Rice family have enjoyed a tremendous run playing quarterback for Wayne County, as Preston's brothers, Tyler and Austin, combined to win nine playoff games for the Wildcats; and

WHEREAS, a true dual threat, Preston Rice compiled an amazing 10,249 yards combined, rushing and passing, in his high school career, which places him third on the all-time list for all classifications in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, an eagle-eyed passer, Mr. Rice's career passing statistics include 367 completions out of 638 attempts for 7,619 total yards and ninety-three touchdowns against only twenty-six interceptions; and

WHEREAS, Preston Rice's accomplishments running the football are equally as impressive, as he gained 2,630 yards on 467 attempts to score forty-eight touchdowns for the Wayne County Wildcats during his career; and

WHEREAS, a winner both on and off the field of play, Mr. Rice is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Preston Rice of Wayne County High School upon his receipt of the 2016 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Award, Division I Class 1A Back, and extend to him our best wishes for his every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.